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**PAS Nairobi Reaches Kenyan Muslim Audiences at Lamu Maulidi Festival**

PAS Nairobi gave a grant to the Kenya National Museum to co-sponsor the February, 2013 Maulidi Cultural Festival in the historic Kenyan coastal town of Lamu, which has a large Muslim population. The festival celebrates the birth of the Prophet Mohammed and brings together the entire community for competitions and a women's forum. PAS sponsorship included the presentation of the "Islam in America" IIP poster show and an exhibit of Islamic calligraphy drawn by local students that grew out of a previous IIP speaker program on calligraphy conducted by Prof. Mamun Sakkal in 2000. The PAO inaugurated the two exhibits along with officials from the Ministry of Culture, the National Museum and the Lamu County Commission, who thanked the Embassy for its support and praised the Embassy-Kenya National Museum partnership that funds the Lamu American Corner.



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